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RAILROAD FERRY TRAFFIC WARNEMUENDE-GEDSER AND SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG (6 pp;
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The first page of the document is a typewritten English-language extract of some of the pertinent data of the remainder of the document.

Page 2 is an original letter, dated 7 August 1951, from the Central Statistical Office of the State Planning Commission of the GDR to the department for Transportation Planning of the same commission, covering the transmittal of data on railroad ferry traffic to Denmark and Sweden during the first half year of 1951.

Pages 3 through 6 are typewritten sheets (possibly originals), dated 7 August 1951, and issued by the Transportation Department of the Central Statistical Office of the State Planning Commission. They list data on railroad ferry traffic between Warnemuende and Gedser (Denmark) and between Sassnitz and Trelleborg (Sweden) for the first two quarters of 1951, listed monthly and in quarterly totals.

The information on Warnemuende-Gedser traffic is subdivided as follows: Passengers transported to Denmark (total January-June: 667; maximum monthly figure: 225 in March) and from Denmark (total: 567; maximum monthly figure: 201 in March).

Freight traffic in tons, broken down by 24 groups of commodities. Total tonnage to Denmark during January-June 1951 amounted to 18,867 tons, with March being the highest month (3,877 tons). The most conspicuous items exported were ceramics, ~~mineral products~~ and chemical products. Total tonnage imported from Denmark during this period amounted to 17,735 tons, with January the highest month (5,603 tons). The largest individual quantities of import goods were food items and mineral oil products.

Number of freight cars transported (loaded and empty). Total to Denmark: 2,547; from Denmark: 2,412 cars.

The information on Sassnitz-Trelleborg traffic lists freight traffic in tons, broken down by 24 groups of commodities. The total amount of goods exported to Sweden via this railroad ferry during the period from January-June 1951 was 58,292 tons, with the peak traffic in June (12,652 tons). The largest items were ceramics and glassware, minerals, chemical products, iron and steel products, and vehicles. The total amount of goods imported from Sweden was 33,577 tons, with peak traffic in May (7,706 tons). The largest imported items were food items, and iron and steel.

All data were compiled from figures supplied by the Ministry of Transportation.

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